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MESSAGE

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(1) (C) FPCC HAS CHAPTERS IN MOST MAJOR CITIES IN UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION, STUDENT COUNCIL CHAPTERS ESTABLISHED IN MANY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. AS OF APRIL 1961, FPCC MEMBERSHIP ALLEGEDLY TOTALLED 7,000 IN 21 REGULAR AND 40 STUDENT COUNCIL CHAPTERS.

(2) (C) ROBERT TABER EMPLOYED PRIOR TO JULY 1960 BY COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM AS NEWS WRITER. TABER ALLEGEDLY FORCED TO RESIGN FROM CBS BECAUSE OF CONNECTION WITH FPCC. TABER SPENT THREE WEEKS WITH FIDEL CASTRO IN CUBAN SIERRA MAESTRO MOUNTAINS IN APRIL 1957. IN 1958 HE SPENT TWO MONTHS WITH RAUL CASTRO OBSERVING GUERRILLA FIGHTING IN ORIENTE PROVINCE. A LIST OF JOURNALISTS, PREPARED BY CASTRO GOVERNMENT, INCLUDED TABER AS "OBJECTIVE REPORTER" ON CUBAN AFFAIRS. ALLEGEDLY, FIDEL CASTRO SELECTED TABER TO HEAD FPCC. TABER PROFFESSES TO BE MARXIST BUT DENIES BEING COMMUNIST, CLAIMING THAT CPUSA MEMBERS NOT SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE AND NOT REVOLUTIONARY ENOUGH. IN FEBRUARY 1961, TABER REPORTEDLY FLED TO CUBA TO AVOID BEING SERVED SUBPOENA ISSUED BY INTERNAL SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE. ANOTHER FPCC MEMBER, BARBARA COLLINS, ALSO FLED TO CUBA AT APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME. RICHARD GIBSON APPARENTLY TOOK OVER CONTROL OF FPCC AFTER TABER FLED. IN NOVEMBER 1962, GIBSON REPORTED IN ALGERIA UNDER BEN BELLA'S SPONSORSHIP.

(3) (C) TABER RETURNED TO US IN MARCH 1962. WHILE IN CUBA, TABER ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN CASTRO'S ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS. BARBARA COLLINS REPORTEDLY STILL PARTICIPATING IN CUBAN PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS.

(4) (C) THIS HQ HAD NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE EXISTENCE OF FPCC CHAPTERS IN FOURTH US ARMY AREA PRIOR TO CURRENT PRESS STATEMENTS THAT LEE OSWALD IS FPCC CHAPTER CHAIRMAN, DALLAS, TEXAS.

(SOURCES: DCSI, USCONARC, G2 FIFTH US ARMY, PRESS)

NEW SUBJECT.

(5) (FOUO) FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON OSWALD, HARVEY LEE: DOB 18 OCT 39; POB NEW ORLEANS, LA; PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5 FT 10 INCHES, 165 LBS, BLUE EYES, LIGHT BROWN HAIR; EMPLOYED: DALLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOOK REPOSITORY, 411 ELM STREET, DALLAS, TEXAS; RESIDENCES: FT WORTH, DALLAS AND NEW ORLEANS SINCE JUN 62. IN 1959 OSWALD TRAVELED TO MOSCOW, USSR, WHERE HE ATTEMPTED TO RENOUNCE US CITIZENSHIP. HE RETURNED TO US IN JUN 62 ACCOMPANIED BY RUSSIAN WIFE, MARINA NIKOLAEVNA OSWALD. SPOUSE'S MOTHER LISTED AS PRUSAKOVA.

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